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Fair tonight and Wednesday; much colder tonight with lowest temperature 15 degrees; diminishing westerly winds.											
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HEALTH DIRECTOR PROBES HIS OFFICE TO SUPPORT MAYOR

Furbush Hires Investigators to Seek Out Disloyal and Incompetent Men

WATCH HOUSING BUREAU; TUSTIN MAY WIELD AX

A sweeping investigation of employees of the Department of Health began today as the first move toward extending the City Hall shake-up to that branch of the municipal government. Announcing that he had engaged private investigators at his own expense, Director Furbush said: "Any one found disloyal, incompetent or inefficient will have to go."

The director singled out for particular mention the division of housing and sanitation, whose chief is George H. Shaw, a holdover from the Smith administration, with a \$4000-a-year salary.

Arthur E. Buchholz, a son of Councilman Buchholz, is supervising inspection of housing in the same division at \$3500 a year. Councilman Buchholz, who switched from the Vire camp to the administration side, went back to the administration side of the Municipal Court vote last Tuesday.

"I have private investigators whom I have engaged to make a searching investigation throughout the department, and particularly of the division of housing and sanitation," Director Furbush announced.

Investigation to Be "Fair"

"This investigation is being made fairly, impartially and judiciously. Any one found disloyal, incompetent or inefficient will have to go. I realize, of course, the difficulties of finding out those who are disloyal, but this investigation is going on, and will continue."

Director Furbush made the announcement prior to calling the Mayor Moore. He remained with the Mayor some time.

The health department head explained that he had discussed "in a general way" the subject of disloyal employees with the Mayor. He did not ask him to dismiss any one. The impression was given that the health department shake-up will wait on the results of the investigation.

The investigation is in line with Mayor Moore's policy of having his cabinet heads work out the details of the general housecleaning he has decreed under him. It is the welfare director has already decided to "fire" a number of his subordinates. The inquiry, it is believed, will lead the way to the ousting of more employees in that department.

Caven Set the Pace

Administration leaders said that the first action of the Mayor Moore, with the Moore cabinet will rest upon their willingness to "clean house" of so-called disloyal or incompetent employees. Director of Public Works Caven, who is the closest ally of the Mayor, set the pace when he called for the resignations of forty employees and announced that more were coming.

The Mayor would like to rid the administration of several hundred such subordinates who have been "submerging" in the interests of the Vire-Brown-Cunningham combination and keeping the Mayor's influence in "City Council."

Directors who help the Mayor in this movement will prove, it is explained, that they are for the Mayor. "Those who are not for the Mayor are not for the Mayor," he said. "Those who are not for the Mayor are not for the Mayor."

Under this test it is understood that Director of Public Safety Cortelyou has made good and that the entire cordial between himself and the Mayor has again been established. Director Cortelyou began by a reorganization of the detective bureau.

No Changes in Transit

Director Twining was asked today if any changes would be made in the transit department. "I don't think so," he replied. "I don't think there are any politicians in the department of transit. We only have eighty-five men now."

Lincoln Acker, purchasing agent, had a long conference last evening with the Mayor. The Mayor plainly told Mr. Acker what he thought of the action of Councilman Gans, lieutenant of Mr. Acker in the "Thirty-eight ward, in voting to sustain Judge Brown in the Municipal Court vote."

Mr. Acker disclaimed responsibility for Mr. Gans' vote. The question of the resignation or retention of Mr. Acker as purchasing agent was not settled in the conference. It is understood that the matter will rest in abeyance for a few days.

Will Call Mass-Meeting

The test of the directors is the big and most direct development in the "readjustment" situation so far. The other is the Mayor's plan to make a direct appeal to the people to back him up in his efforts to purge the government and city politics of vicious influences.

It is understood that the Mayor will continue on Page Twelve, Column One

Davis Cup Opening Off Until Tomorrow

Auckland, New Zealand, Dec. 28.—The first match in the challenge round of the Davis Cup tournament, which was to have been played today, has been postponed until tomorrow owing to rain.

South Philadelphian Wins Limerick Prize

Introducing
EARL J. GOODNOW,
2222 South Croskey St.
Clerk, Atlantic Refining Co.

His Winning Limerick:
NO. 8

A girl student out at Bryn Mawr

Walked out right in front of a car;

She forgot all concerning

Her books and her learning;

And the "peach" became

"jammed" in the "jar."



Woman Jury Will Award Prize for Limerick No. 9

Ten Fair Limericks From Strawbridge & Clothier's Are Voting Today on Frankford "L" Last Lines

We're springing a new one on you today, fans. Not a new limerick, 'y understand, but a new scheme to give everybody a chance to get his or her own particular idea of wit across for the hundred dollar prize.

So today we have arranged to have ten young women from the various departments of Strawbridge & Clothier's form themselves into limerick jury and pass upon the merits of Limerick No. 9. That's the one on the "peach" and "jam."

These young women have been chosen by John Jackson, the general superintendent of the store, and Mr. Jackson is presiding over their deliberations. The limericks on the last lines have been submitted to them without names, so no one on the jury will know whether she is voting for a friend or not.

The result will be announced tomorrow.

Pretty good scheme, eh? We've got it.

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DRUG QUARANTINE ROUSES CHINESE

Merchants Threaten Injunction. Say Opium Search Hurts Business

Two Caught in Raid Held

Chinese merchants say they will get an injunction against Director Cortelyou to force him to discontinue the "opium quarantine" now on in "China town."

The announcement was made by Simon Garlick, a lawyer representing the On Long Merchants' Association of Chinatown, when he appeared today at the hearing of two Chinese, Charles Long and Lee Moon, who were arrested after a raid on 916 Race street. Both were held by Magistrate Renshaw at Central station today under \$500 bail for a further hearing December 30.

Month is official interpreter for the colony. He appeared in court today in a fur coat, with a big diamond pin in his lapel and another in his shirt. He said he had been in the United States for three years, and the Chinese has been active in trying to put down the opium traffic in the Chinese quarter.

The quarantine has been on for two weeks," said Garlick, "and the merchants claim it is hurting their business. The detectives of the vice squad have been going around 'sniffing,' and if they think they smell opium, break in and search the premises without a warrant. This is illegal, and I am going to ask the courts to put an end to the practice."

The two Chinese in court this morning were arrested last night. It was testified that vice squad men had gone through a transom and then chopped open a door to get in. They also found a half a pound of opium, which was seized. A hollowed wooden tub, containing about three ounces of opium, was part of last night's plunder, brought into court today. There was also a bag filled with peanut oil, used for "cooking," or used opium.

President Keeping Hands Off

Since Congress convened it has been made quite plain that senators and representatives themselves must assume full responsibility for any legislation tending to increase the country's financial burden. The administration has adopted a "hands off" policy which puts all questions of lawmaking strictly up to Congress. Whether the laws fall or succeed, the sole credit or blame will be on the legislators. This applies particularly to legislation for which there is an almost hysterical demand from special groups of the population, particularly from the farmers.

Characterizing the increasingly evident fact that the Secretary of the Treasury desires the Treasury Department to be freed of connection with any such legislation. The evidence was plain today as members of Congress reviewed his testimony yesterday on the soldiers' bonus bill, in which he made it clear that to pass the measure would, in his opinion, be a big step further in the direction of financial disaster.

MAN SQUEEZED TO DEATH

Amos H. Kain, forty-two years old, of Barrington, N. J., an employee of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, was fatally squeezed in a planing machine at the shipyards in Camden at 4 o'clock this morning. He was taken to the emergency hospital and later taken to the New Jersey Hospital, where he died at noon.

NURSE ESCAPES BOLSHIEVIKI

Irene Knigvetch Gains Freedom. Capt. Kilpatrick in Good Health

Paris, Dec. 28.—(By A. P.)—Miss Irene Knigvetch, an interpreter for the American Red Cross, who was captured by the Bolshieviki with Captain Emmet Kilpatrick, of Ulentown, Pa., at Novo Alexievka, October 29, when a detachment of Budenny's cavalry swept down on the coast of the Sea of Azov and surrounded the town, has arrived in Constantinople after escaping from her captors, says a dispatch received by Red Cross headquarters here today.

When Miss Knigvetch last saw Captain Kilpatrick he was in good health and was being taken to Moscow, the dispatch adds. The Bolshieviki planned to transport him northward from Moscow for release in return for Russians whom the Bolshieviki alleged are being held by the United States Government. Kilpatrick expects to leave Russia by way of Viborg, Finland, in a few weeks.

Miss Knigvetch is a daughter of Prince Knigvetch, head of the Russian Red Cross, and a cousin of the late emperor.

ROXBOROUGH CARS SCARCE AND DIRTY; HIGH FARE OPPOSED

Public Service Commissioner Told Reading Transit Service Is Bad

"STANDING ROOM" ONLY AT FIRST PROTEST HEARING

Cars on the Wissahickon and Roxborough line are often filthy, the service is erratic, and passengers, through overcrowding, are compelled to cling to straps to prevent being thrown from their feet, according to witnesses who protested today before the Public Service Commission against the increase in rates made by the company.

The Wissahickon and Roxborough line is operated by the Reading Transit and Light Co., which branches between this city and Reading.

Residents of Roxborough and Wissahickon are taking a keen interest in the proceedings and more than 200 of them were at today's hearing, which was conducted by Commissioner Rilling. "Standing room only" was the rule in the courtroom. Scattered through the throng were several clergymen.

The company was represented by Ralph Baker, while Michael F. Donnelly was chief counsel for the complainants. The latter include members of the Thomas F. Emery Post of the American Legion, and the Roxborough Commandery and Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A.

William J. Hamilton, 5529 Jameson street, the first witness, said that he had made connection with trains at Wissahickon and that the trolley cars seldom made connection with trains at Wissahickon. He also said that the trolley cars were filthy and generally uncomfortable. He also said that the road was dilapidated in many places, and that at some places pieces of track were missing.

In reply to a question about schedules, he said the cars ran only from 11:40 a. m. until 8 p. m. Hamilton said he could ride from Wissahickon to Manayunk, on the P. O. S. of A. line, in 20 minutes, while the Roxborough and Wissahickon line charged 80 cents for a like distance. The witness said that during the heavy snows last year the Roxborough and Wissahickon line stopped operation for three days.

Until October, 1917, the fare was five cents; it was then increased to six cents, later on to eight cents, and finally, last month, was advanced to nine cents, or four tickets for thirty-five cents.

BOY KIDNAPPED. HE SAYS

Springfield, Mass., Lad Says Two Men Brought Him Here

Detectives are investigating the story of Carl Texon, fourteen years old, of 14 Mansfield street, Springfield, Mass., who maintains that he was kidnapped yesterday morning from Springfield by two men, who brought him to this city in an automobile.

Shortly after 11 o'clock this morning the boy entered the police station at Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue. He said the police had taken him to his home, two men asked him if he wanted a ride in their automobile. The boy said that despite his protest he was brought to this city and was put out of the automobile this morning near Ninth and Main streets, Darby. He said he then went direct to the police station. The boy has brought a Central Police Station, where his story is being investigated.

COLD WAVE DUE TODAY

Weatherman Says Temperature Will Drop to 15 Degrees

A cold wave from the northwest is due to arrive here late today and drive the temperature down to 15 degrees, the weatherman says.

With the thermometer down to 15 and coal up to \$15 and the girls still wearing "summer" furs, winter at last is here.

Chilled already by an influx of Christmas-joy bills, heads of households can warm up by shoveling coal into the heater. At \$15 per ton coal costs at least as much as the cold.

Indications are the cold wave will not be accentuated by storm conditions—just clear and much colder weather is the brief official statement.

CARDINAL STILL IMPROVES

Physician Hopes Churchman Can Return to Baltimore in Week

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—(By A. P.)—Continued improvement in Cardinal Gibbons' condition was reported today from Union Mills, Md., where he is staying at the home of Robert T. Shriver. Mr. Shriver said the cardinal had been comfortable all night and appeared much rested. He was bright and cheerful.

The cardinal's physician said today that if the cold continued to gain strength he would soon be able to return to Baltimore, probably in about a week.

Have You Met Sunny Ducrow?

Yes! You're lucky. No! That's too bad. But there's still a chance for you. Turn to page 21. Sunny's the dandiest little girl you ever met.

Not a Pollyanna! Nay, nay! She's a go-and-get-it.

If you haven't started the story already start it today.

It Is Distinctly Worth While



COUNTRESS MARKIEVICZ The countess has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment on a charge of conspiracy to organize a seditious society in Ireland

IRISH COUNTESS GUILTY

British Sentence Georgina Markievicz to Two Years for Conspiracy

London, Dec. 28.—(By A. P.)—Countess Georgina Markievicz, who was tried by a court-martial on a charge of conspiracy to organize a seditious society, was today sentenced to two years at hard labor in prison.

The specific allegation against her was that between January, 1918, and September, 1920, she had plotted to organize a "Fianna Eireann," or Sinn Fein Boy Scouts society. This organization has been charged with the conspiracy to advance the cause of the Irish Republic by force of arms and with unlawful drilling.

ROBBERS PLAY JAZZ AND EAT COLD TURKEY

Thieves Make Themselves at Home in Germantown House

Burglars stole the cold turkey from J. Ziegler's ice chest yesterday afternoon at 5330 Pulaski avenue, Germantown, took up the rug on his hardwood floor for a dance, and tried his best "jazz" records.

The Ziegler family was away from home when the uninvited visitors appeared. The house was tightly locked and the thieves forced a side window and entered. So that they might not be disturbed they rigged up a rough "burglar alarm" on the front door, setting a taboret against it with a tall vase on top, that would tumble off should any one open the door.

Then the intruders proceeded to make themselves entirely at home. They were not very successful in their hunt for valuables.

They did, however, find a Copley .45 automatic, which Harold Ziegler, son of the house, had brought back from his service in France with the tanks.

Another Germantown house entered, possibly by the same thieves, was that of George B. Kane, at 343 East Duval street. The booty was a gold watch and chain worth \$75.

THUGS ROBT NIGHT WORKER

Hold-Up Occurs at 10th and Mt. Vernon Streets at 4:30 A. M.

Dennis Owens, of 654 North Tenth street, was robbed of \$18 at Tenth and Mount Vernon streets, at 4:30 o'clock this morning after a fifteen-minute struggle with two Negroes, one of whom he knocked down.

Owens was returning from work when the two men sprang upon him from a doorway. One of the high-grown thugs, armed with a knife, ordered Owens to search the victim's pockets.

Owens kicked the man who was holding him and then fled with his fist. He was followed by the assailants struck Owens with a blackjack.

Partially stunned by the blow, Owens continued to fight until he was struck a second time by the blackjack. The men then fled. Owens was taken to the Tenth street police station, where he was treated for his injuries.

Presidential Yacht Afire

Messroom and Several Staterooms on Mayflower Burned

Washington, Dec. 28.—(By A. P.)—The messroom and several staterooms on the presidential yacht Mayflower were burned today while the yacht was tied up at the navy yard here. A board of inquiry was convened to determine the origin of the fire.

Secretary Daniels said the amount of damage had not been determined, but that a number of the officers on the vessel lost all of their personal effects. The fire was extinguished before it reached the state dining room and the President's quarters.

Eight newspaper reporters and photographers who entered the navy yard by passing the marine guard were arrested and held at the commandant's office for questioning, but when news of their detention reached Mr. Daniels he ordered their immediate release. The yard officials were said to have sought to establish from the men how they were able to get by the marine guard at the yard entrance.

CONTRACTING BODY QUILTS

Hoisting Association Announces Dis-solution to N. Y. Building Probers

New York, Dec. 28.—(By A. P.)—One more organization of contractors under investigation by New York's anti-building trust probers today announced its dissolution.

J. E. Eustis, secretary-treasurer of the Hoisting Association of eight firms, said to the press that the steam and electric hoisting workers, testified before the joint legislative committee on housing, that the decision to disband was made yesterday.

Mr. Eustis said he was "satisfied" that the association's members would have "unrestricted" open competition from now on. His testimony followed reading into the record by Samuel F. Tamm, committee counsel, of minutes of association meetings from last April to November, telling of consideration of "uniform prices."

MAYOR OF FUME ASKS GEN. CAVIGLIA FOR AN ARMISTICE

Terms of Capitulation Expected to Be Agreed Upon at Conference Today

D'ANNUNZIO SLIGHTLY WOUNDED; DEATH DENIED

By the Associated Press

Rome, Dec. 28.—The mayor of Fiume has asked General Caviglia, commander of the regular Italian forces, for a suspension of hostilities, says a Fiume dispatch today.

General Caviglia stipulated two conditions, one of which already has been accepted. It is expected that in an interview arranged for today between the mayor and General Ferrario, commander of the blockading forces, the terms of capitulation will be agreed upon.

Dispatches from Fiume say the legionaries in the city, using electric drills, are boring holes into the principal buildings in the leading thoroughfares through which the invading troops must pass and are mining them.

They say it is their intention to blow up the town rather than surrender it. The rebel forces at Fiume have blown up four bridges over the Recina.

London, Dec. 28.—Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio is said to have been slightly wounded, according to the Milan correspondent of the London Times. The report that D'Annunzio has been killed, the correspondent adds, is officially denied.

Italian troops attempting to dislodge legionaries at Zara were hindered in their work by women of that city. As the troops advanced toward the barracks where the legionaries were stationed, many women formed in line in front of them, screaming: "Kill us first and then you can exterminate the volunteers."

A few hours later the legionaries surrendered and were taken to Ancona as prisoners.

Grenades fired by the battalions of the Italian army have killed several persons in Fiume, according to a Venice dispatch.

Milan dispatches to the Times say fierce fighting is proceeding in the environs of Fiume, and that the losses to the regulars are very heavy, among the casualties being two colonels mortally wounded.

D'Annunzio flew over the lines Sunday dropping leaflets from his airplane calling the regulars to desertion.

The Poles' troops have transformed the working arrangement between the police and the regulars into a game of hide-and-seek. All the main streets are defended by barbed-wire barricades.

Trieste, Dec. 28.—The regulars under General Caviglia are bombarding Fiume in combination with the navy, a systematic siege being under way. The guns are being directed against the barracks, the palace and similar buildings, the intention being to damage the city as little as possible.

The destroyer Espero, which recently deserted to D'Annunzio's side, has been sunk by a shell from the cruiser Andrea Doria.

The post-warrior's resistance is the most dogged nature. The casualties among the regulars are estimated at fifty killed and 100 wounded.

The forces investing Fiume have been reorganized and re-equipped. Another Fiuman airplane was captured yesterday, making the fourth that has fallen into the hands of government troops.

TRUST OFFICIAL HURT

William F. Voltz Fractures Skull in Washington Auto Accident

William F. Voltz, sixty-two years old, vice president of the Liberty Title and Trust Co., Broad and Arch streets, is in Emergency Hospital, in Washington, D. C., with a fractured skull. He was injured last Saturday night at the capital while riding with his wife in the automobile of Colonel M. A. Delaney, U. S. A., when the car was struck by another machine.

MAYOR AND FURBUSH IN "CITY OF THE FUTURE"

Reports that Director Furbush and Mayor Moore will visit the "City of the Future" in the near future, and will be met by the Mayor, are being widely spread.

The director and I have been in conference with the Mayor, and he has been raised between the President and Congress on the budget bill.

The President-elect faces the necessity of cutting expenditures and reducing taxes. The question of the "open shop" bill cannot be provided too soon. So the policy of the next administration is likely to be to speed budget legislation and set up the budget-making machinery as soon as possible so that it will be working before the 4th of March.

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AMELITA GALLI-CURCI Grand opera star, who will marry Homer Samuels, her accompanist. She appears here in costume as Gilda in "Rigoletto."

LONDON PAPERS FOR NAVAL RECESS

Appeal for Disarmament Agreement by Britain, America and Japan

STIRRED BY U. S. PROGRAM

By the Associated Press

London, Dec. 28.—Calls for the United States, Great Britain and Japan to curtail naval expenditures by mutual agreement were featured by a number of London newspapers this morning. In following this course the newspapers give expression to the anxiety which has prevailed here since the receipt of reports of the new American naval program—an anxiety which may be traced to the assumption that if the United States builds a big navy, Great Britain must do likewise.

The Morning Post laments that American naval expenditures have chosen a moment when the war-time fellowship of the American and British navies and the "chivalrous courtesy of American seamen" have united the naval services of the two nations. "To declare in effect, that the British navy is a potential menace to America."

The newspaper complains in this connection of the "essential contradiction between American politics and American practice." Professing no desire to question America's right to a working arrangement between the proper, and admitting America can do to build the biggest navy in the world, while Great Britain cannot, the Post contends that the conclusion of a working arrangement between the United States and Great Britain would do more to establish and maintain the peace of the world than any other plan conceivable, and urges that "the re-

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PRESIDENT IS 64 TODAY

Congratulatory Messages Pour Into White House

Washington, Dec. 28.—(By A. P.)—President Wilson celebrated his sixty-fourth birthday today, receiving numerous messages of congratulation. Two of the President's daughters, Miss Margaret Wilson and Mrs. W. G. McVey, were with him for the occasion, and also Dr. Stockton Axson, brother of the President's first wife.

Tonight Mrs. Wilson and the President's daughters expected to attend the wedding of Miss Marjorie Brown, cousin of President Wilson's first wife.

Wants Wilson to Approve

From Mr. Good's statement after taking up the budget bill, it would appear that Mr. Harding would like the budget bill passed in such form that it will be approved by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Good said that he had urged upon Mr. Harding the importance of having the best possible bill passed at once and if necessary the bill might be modified later. It is understood that Mr. Harding is not greatly impressed by the fact that the bill has been raised between the President and Congress on the budget bill.

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PAWLING WINS SUIT

Expert Engineer Awarded \$7246 for Trip to Norway